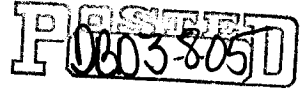




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RE: Docket Number 2004-357-WS
Carolina Water Service, Inc.

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Dear Sir:

I would like to protest the proposed rate increase by Carolina Water Service. I have lived in the New Friarsgate subdivision in Irmo for more than 10 years. My average water bill is around \$13.00. I believe that the current rate of \$30.33 is excessive. The increased rate of \$40.92 is absolutely outrageous. This is an increase of almost 35% (more than my salary as a state employee has increased in the entire 12 years I've been a Carolina Water Service customer). I cannot understand why my sewer bill should be 230% of my water bill (currently), let alone 310% (proposed). One more appropriate example of a sewer bill is that of a colleague of mine, who lives in Forest Acres, with City of Columbia water and East Richland County sewer, who pays \$45./quarter for sewer, half what I am currently paying.

I would also like to point out that if the sewer charges were based on water usage, as they should be, based on my normal water usage, my sewer bill would be (per City of Columbia Water Department) \$9.12/month.

I hope that my comments will be considered when this rate increase proposal is reviewed.

Sincerely,

Andrea Ceselski